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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,696,836
AB United States Patent No. 6,545,473
AC United States Patent No. 6,531,870
AD United States Patent No. 6,335,620
AE United States Patent No. 4,670,716
AL United Kingdom Application 2 180 943

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AL and the respective German counterparts to References AA through AE were identified and discussed at pages 2-4 of the present application. Reference AA corresponds to German OS 10 109 543, Reference AB corresponds to German PS 199 17 058, Reference AC corresponds to German OS 101 56 770, Reference AD corresponds to German PS 198 59 501 and Reference AE corresponds to German OS 34 11 222.

The respective German counterparts to References AA, AB and AC also were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office in a Search Report rendered by in connection with the counterpart German application.


Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of these references.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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